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Status Update

Air Stripper Startup and Performance Testing

Bally Engineered Structures Site

Bally, Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Tan:

Remcor, Inc. (Remcor) recently completed shakedown and performance testing of the revised air stripper system at Bally Municipal We'l No. 3. The sample analysis at flow rates between 170 to 270 gallons per minute showed average inlet concentrations of 220 micrograms per milliliter ( $\mu$ g/ $\ell$ ) for 1,1 dichloroethylene, 835  $\mu$ g/ $\ell$  for 1,1,1 trichloroethane, and 238  $\mu$ g/ $\ell$  for trichloroethylene. The effluent concentrations of the treated water from the second air stripper showed levels of less than 1  $\mu$ g/ $\ell$  for all three compounds. These levels meet the permit requirements established by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resourses (PADER) for discharge to the adjacent stream or municipal water supply. Some minor modifications required to the system should be complete by January 20th.

At this point, the Borough of Bally has not received revised permits. Issuance of permits necessary to operate the treatment system is not exepcted until the end of January. Remcor and the Borough of Bally cannot legally start continuous operation until these permits are received.

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If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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